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STRONG DEFENSE - Jace 'the Stafford Streak' and Evan 'Batman' Ockerman were right on the spot on Sunday afternoon, just in case Elk Point Midget Avalanche goalie Colton Van Maarion needed help to keep the Bonnyville Pontiacs from scoring. For full details on the Avs' 14-2 win, see Page 6.

Vicki Brooker photo

Chamber sets AGM date

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point and District Chamber of Commerce started off 2019 with a review of last year's activities by president Terri Hampson at last week's meeting that celebrated several firsts for the organization, including the First Annual Spring Fling, the publishing of a Chamber Membership Directory and the implementation of making monthly payments on the outstanding loan on the EcoCentre. That payment was made possible by renovations to the EcoCentre that allowed the rental of the upstairs area. The first-ever series of Member Spotlights, another addition in 2018, gave several businesses an opportunity to showcase their operations.

The overall successful year also saw six new members join the Chamber, and three former members who had not been on the roster for several years return to the membership list.

The year also saw the continuation of the Scarecrow and Christmas Lighting and Decorating contests and the Christmas Extravaganza, as well as operation of the tourist information centre during the summer months.

Application information has been received for the federal and provincial employment grants that would potentially pay part of the wages for the tourist information clerk, and the go-ahead was given to send in the applications.

The 2019 membership drive will soon be underway, and a sample of the application form was circulated. This year's form includes a spot where members can check to indicate if they would like information on the Chamber Insurance Plan. (Continued on Page 2)

Reeve Upham looks back on 2018 accomplishments

MEREDITH KERR
Review Contributor

The biggest accomplishment for the County of St. Paul in 2018 was turning on the water for the community of Mallaig with the new pressurized waterline completed in November. That's according to Reeve Steve Upham, who recently spoke about the triumphs and the challenges of the last year.

"I think that water is key to quality of life. If you've got good water you've got quality of life. I think that's why it's been a driving force in the eight years I've been on council to make sure quality water is available to as many citizens and residents in our hamlets as possible," said Upham, when speaking to

the Journal about the overall initiative.

The Ashmont-Mallaig extension is a 22 km water line that cost \$10.2 million dollars, of which just \$720,120 was contributed by the county. The roughly \$9.5 million remaining was paid for through a combination of provincial and federal funding.

"It's been a big project, it's been a challenge putting the pieces together and ensuring government funding is in place to pay for it. It's all funded on a 90/10 basis so the county only had to put in 10 per cent of the expense which is a real bonus," said Upham.

Other major projects completed in 2018 include the wastewater transfer station in Lafond, and what Upham called "continued improvements" in the

way the county is run internally.

"I think having fresh ideas around the table and with our partners that we work with would be the highlight," said Upham. "It's hard to nail it down, but people come to council to work with new perspectives and I think it's been a bit refreshing, whether it's been a desire to get their hands in the dirt and move things around a little bit."

Asked about his goals for the county in 2019, Upham said he wants to see the inter-collaborative frameworks the county is currently developing with neighbouring municipalities completed, and get recreation granting sorted out.

"When we look at the facilities each municipality has and how we equitably help each other to fund those facilities,

for a number of years we've had a haphazard dollar figure we give to the Town (of St. Paul) and we help Elk Point to help with their recreation. Now we're going through the development of a more involved formula and rationale for why we give what we give," said Upham. "We all share in the use of those facilities, so we need to share in the expense."

The county is currently working on intermunicipal development plans with neighbouring municipalities. Upham said the plans don't directly lead to projects, but once approved they provide guidelines for county staff, and a framework for shared services for those hamlets and communities located near the borders of the county.

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Looking back at 2018's front page news

(Continued from last week's issue)

May

A fast-moving late afternoon fire claimed the eight-unit townhouse complex, with fire crews from Elk Point and St. Paul battling the blaze fanned by strong south winds until it was finally extinguished in late evening, on a weekend that also saw numerous grass and brush fires in the area.

Elk Point's mill rate increase was the first since 2011, and reflected the need to replace aging infrastructure, including the catastrophic breakdown at the sewage lift station, which could cost close to \$248,000 when repairs were complete, council was told.

King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table overcame obstacles ranging from surly, baguette-wielding French guards to demanding Knights of Ni to a killer rabbit as they tracked down the Holy Grail in Elk Point Theatre Project's version of Monty Python's "Spamalot."

Fire inspectors ruled that the fire raging through eight townhouses was accidental and pinpointed 'improperly discarded smoking materials' as the cause of the \$3.8 million blaze.

The 2nd Chance Trail Ride set a new record as 360 participants and 36 wagons made their way up the Iron Horse Trail from Lindbergh to Elk Point under cloudless skies to raise funds to support organ and tissue transplant recipients and to raise awareness of the need for organ donation.

The Town of Elk Point's new Public Engagement Policy, required under the new Municipal Government Act, apparently didn't engage the public, because no input or comments were received before the policy received council's approval.

Five hats were thrown in the ring for the town council seat left vacant by the resignation of Sherry Bower-Gagne, including former councillor Bernice Capjack and senior Henry Botting, who had both been on the Oct. 2017 ballot, and first time candidates Sherry Oszust, Jason Boorse and Tim Smereka.

Two members of the Elk Point and District Interagency Health and Wellness Committee attended meetings with Alberta Health Services and the Lakeland the Lakeland Communities Health Advisory Council and said they felt the health regions needed realignment to better serve the needs of smaller communities.

Kailey Wirsta showed Elk Point 4-H's Grand Champion Steer and her sister Lexi showed both the Reserve Champion Steer and the Supreme Champion Female at the club's Achievement Day, while Luke Germain showed the Reserve Champion Female.

F. G. Miller High School may be small for a 2A school, with only 108 students, but seven out of 27 students who went to Track and Field Zones in Lloydminster outperformed schools with close to 300 students, bringing home the second Zone banner in two years and advancing to provincials.

June

Storm clouds threatened the Elk Point Auto Club's Show and Shine, bringing the event to an early halt as show car owners hurried to put up convertible tops, close windows and even load some of the vehicles in trailers before the winners were announced.

A full slate of by-election candidates outlined their platforms at a forum hosted by the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce and answered a variety of questions posed by the voters in attend-

ance.

Kailey Wirsta was back in the winner's circle with her steer when it was named the St. Paul District Grand Champion, which later sold to JPD Enterprises of Elk Point for \$3.60 per pound. Elk Point steers shown by Nicole Bristow and Lexi Wirsta were also part of the Parade of Champions.

The Town of Elk Point announced that the Elk Point Airport would begin a major infrastructure to rebuild the airfield lighting system on the runway, taxiway and apron, replacing the original 30-year-old lights with the latest LED technology.

Tim Smereka won the nod from over a third of the voters in the council by-election, with Jason Boorse and Sherry Oszust only one vote apart for second place.

Town council was catching up on their homework, faced with 20 pages of recommendations from Alberta Health on cannabis regulations and a lengthy background report and concept map for the multi-jurisdictional urban Intermunicipal Development Plan.

Heinsburg went Hollywood, making the nine members of the Heinsburg Community School Class of 2018 the stars of the show at their graduation ceremonies, where Justice Daniels continued the tradition of passing on the school colors to Gabrielle Potts-Abraham of the Class of 2019.

The County of St. Paul gave the go-ahead to their public works depart-

ment to test a new road stabilizing product called Roadtek, said to bind existing road materials and aggregates to resolve problem areas and increase their strength and moisture resistance, on Richland Road, south of Highway 646.

July

"You make us proud," F. G. Miller High School principal Colin Bjorkman told the 30 members of the Class of 2018 at their June 30 ceremonies. "This is an actual graduation; everyone will receive a high school diploma. Valedictorian Brayden Fairbairn spoke on the need for the class to adapt to change in their future lives.

A proposed fire pit and barbecue policy proved to be a hot topic for town council, bringing about a flurry of discussion regarding such aspects as the approved size of fire pits and location of barbecue structures.

Canada Day celebrations offered family-style fun, from the pancake breakfast to the fireworks, with new features of Loopy Ball and Sumo Suit Wrestling replacing the afternoon stage show, and evening activities including a dance for the adults and an outdoor movie for the younger set prior to the fireworks display.

Cowboy Mounted Shooting took over the infield at Stoney Lake on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning as a new and exciting addition to the 56th Annual Stoney Lake Stampede.

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PUBLIC NOTICE TO ELECTORS

of the

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Section 251 of the Municipal Government Act

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the County of St. Paul No. 19, in the Province of Alberta, has given first reading to Borrowing Bylaw 2018-28 which will, upon final passage and approval authorize the proper officers of the said County to borrow monies from the Alberta Capital Finance Authority or another authorized Financial Institution, by way of debenture to finance regrading and base-paving 2 miles of Township Road 582 from Highway 881 to 57th Street in Town of St. Paul.

The total cost of the aforesaid project amounts to \$5,181,905. After deducting from this cost the amount of \$2,540,649 to be paid by provincial funding, the net amount to be borrowed on the credit and security of the municipality at large by the issue of debentures is \$2,641,256. The debentures are to be repayable to the Alberta Capital Finance Authority or other authorized Financial Institution, by way of semi-annual or annual equal payments of combined principal and interest installments not to exceed thirty (30) years calculated at a rate not exceeding the interest rate fixed by the Alberta Capital Finance Authority or another authorized financial institution on the date of borrowing, and not to exceed eight (8) percent;

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE is hereby given by the Council of the County of St. Paul that, unless a petition of the electors for a vote on Bylaw No. 2018-28 is demanded, as provided for by the terms of Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act, the said Council may pass the said Borrowing Bylaw.

All persons interested are hereby notified and they are required to govern themselves accordingly,

DATED at the Town of St. Paul, in the Province of Alberta, this 15th day of January 2019.

Sheila Kitz, CLGM
Chief Administrative Officer

INFORMATION OF ELECTORS

Pursuant to Section 1(i) of the Municipal Government Act an "elector" means:

A person who is eligible to vote in the election for a councillor under the Local Authorities Election Act.

Pursuant to Section 47(1) of the Local Authorities Election Act a person is eligible to vote in an election if he:

1. is at least 18 years old
2. is a Canadian citizen, and
3. has resided in Alberta for the 6 consecutive months immediately preceding election day and is resident in the area on election day.

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1. in the case of a municipality other than a summer village, by electors of the municipality equal in number to at least 10% of the population and
2. in the case of a summer village, by 10% of the electors of the summer village.

in accordance with the provisions of section 223 of the Municipal Government Act and in accordance with the provisions of section 251 of the Municipal Government Act.

The petition for a vote must be received by the Chief Administrative Officer within 15 days of the last publication of this notice and shall contain on each page "an accurate and identical statement of the purpose of the petition". (Further requirements of the petition are provided in section 224 of the Municipal Government Act.)

DATE of the last publication of this notice is the 22nd day of January 2019.

Chamber

(Continued from Front Page)

It was suggested at the meeting that a brief outline of the advantages of joining the chamber insurance plan be sent out with the form, to encourage participation in that program. Including information on the Alberta Chamber's value added programs was also suggested, but will instead be included in the next printing of the Member Directory. The president noted that the chamber benefits financially to a substantial degree from members' participation in both the insurance and value added programs.

Wednesday, Feb. 6 has been set for the chamber's Annual General Meeting, which members at last week's meeting agreed, will be at noon at the Empress. Hampson

encouraged everyone to attend, noting that attendance at last year's AGM was "dismal at best."

The AGM agenda includes election of the coming year's executive and committee appointments. Discussion of the Spring Fling and the year's first Membership Spotlight will also be part of that meeting.

Hampson is planning to attend the Regional Chamber meeting in St. Paul on Jan. 23 and says she is "excited to learn from these ladies and get information on their activities." The regional chamber meetings rotate to member communities, which means that one of the future meetings will be held in Elk Point.

Kevin Kisilevich of East of Edmonton was in attendance at the meeting and outlined the tourism marketing services pro-

vided both in print and digitally by his company. The chamber agreed to purchase a half page in the brochure, "with the president to approach potential partners and to create new wording for the advertising, which will focus strongly on what Elk Point has to offer visitors to the community and area.

The meeting concluded with a roundtable that allowed members to share events of interest and comments on their business activities.

Local realtor Desiree Maas said she has been showing houses "and people are coming in." Currently, she said, rental accommodation has a 35 per cent vacancy rate, compared to waiting lists prior to the drop in oil prices.

Penny Fox of Community Futures shared information on a number of upcoming events, from evening culinary classes at Portage College to a workshop on growing hemp.

Melanie Poulin of Play2Learn Daycare said her business is growing, with more families coming in and added that the grant that allows her business, along with two in St. Paul and one in Bonnyville to offer \$25 per day daycare has been very helpful to families. She currently has only eight spaces vacant, and said if interest continues to grow, she may have to ask for an increase in the number of children she is able to accommodate.

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County council approves CAO salary hike

MEREDITH KERR
Review Contributor

The chief administrative officer for the County of St. Paul, Sheila Kitz, received a pay raise following an in camera discussion at the regular council meeting Jan. 8.

The meeting was closed to the general public and the media from 10:09 a.m. to 11:12 a.m.

When the meeting was re-opened, a motion by Coun. Darrell Younghans "to approve the CAO to be a separate class for long-term disability, and premiums to be paid 100 per cent by the CAO, effective Nov. 1," was carried.

A second motion by Deputy Reeve Maxine Fodness, "to approve a \$3,700 increase to CAO salary as per discussions Dec. 17 at the CAO evaluation," was also approved.

Fines for cannabis consumption offences

Offences under the county's cannabis consumption bylaw will be subject to escalating fines, according to the penalties bylaw, which passed all three readings at the Jan. 8 meeting.

The cannabis consumption bylaw prohibits the consumption of cannabis in public places.

If caught, there is now a \$250 fine for a first offence, \$500 fine for a second offence, and a \$1,000 fine for a third offence.

IDPs amended to reflect county census

Five intermunicipal development plans passed first reading with amendments at the council meeting Jan. 8.

The amendments were to the population figures used throughout the documents. The IDPs will guide development planning and decisions for the County of St. Paul, Lac La Biche County, Municipal District of Bonnyville, County of Vermilion River, County of Two Hills, and Smoky Lake County. Data from the 2016 Statistics Canada census had been used.

"Not everyone had done their own census, so they wanted to be comparable and uniform, so that's why they used the StatsCan population. I argued it because it is about 400 residents less," said Kitz.

According to the 2016 Statistics Canada census, the County of St. Paul is home to 6,036 people. According to the county's census there are 6,468 residents.

"We did a census. I think that number should be exact and not the other because anybody looking at the plan, all our grants and everything is based on that population. Rather than be consistent, because we did it, it should be acknowledged in the plan," said Fodness.

"A lot of the projects we've been working on lately, particularly the economic development one, used all the data from the federal government census. All of that analysis that he did in that plan was based on that census. Our census data is very limited in what other information it can provide. I'm not suggesting we shouldn't have the number in there, perhaps we could add it as 'the county census is this' in addition," said

Kitz.

Before passing the five plans, council amended them to note the county census results, as suggested by Kitz.

Wi-Fi coming to Lac Bellevue

The municipal campground at Lac Bellevue will have Wi-Fi in the coming season thanks to a new radio tower supplied by MCSNet.

"They're going to supply us with a tower. It would be our tower at no cost. We'd let them put their hardware on the tower so it can provide Wi-Fi for the park. The only cost would be for a radio specifically to get an IP address for the office for the online reservation system, and that would be a monthly charge," said Tim Mahdiuk, director of community services.

"Our lease agreement with Lac Bellevue has been extended to 2045 and includes an increase in land base. We should have a celebration because this has been at least a few years in the making," said Kitz.

County to continue lobbying for changes to C-69

Council voted to approve for either the reeve or deputy reeve to attend a meeting later this month with the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) regarding further lobbying efforts for changes to the federal bill C-69.

In a follow up interview, Reeve Steve Upham said the council works in partnership with industry.

"If they ask us to help provide a voice to an issue, we're more than willing to do that because they're a very integral part of the county and what makes the county great. It provides a ton of work for our constituents and a lot of economic activity. Agriculture is our main economy county wide, but oil is right up there and has a massive impact on the east side of the county, especially the community of Elk Point. So it's very important for us to lobby to ensure it remains strong and can do what it needs to do," said Upham.

"Anytime you're lobbying it becomes an ongoing project. We're working with the provincial government and putting a lot of effort in to getting a pipeline built, but I think at times it runs against the ideology of some of the members within the caucus and that becomes a challenge for them," said Upham.

He believes part of the council's role as elected officials and municipal leaders is to continue to keep pressure on various levels of government, "and get things like Bill C-69 changed and adjusted so it's not so impossible to fulfill. It's a bill that can really cripple the development of not only pipeline infrastructure but of refining infrastructure," said Upham.

Chamber of Commerce request approved

A motion by Div. 3 Coun. Cliff Martin to approve \$10,000 for the St. Paul and District Chamber of Commerce was passed by council.

"Generally when St. Paul requests, we put in the allocations to the Elk Point and Mallaig chambers at the same time," said Kitz. She noted the St. Paul allotment was increased from \$5,000 to

\$10,000 in 2016. The Mallaig and Elk Point allotments were both increased from \$1,500 to \$5,000 at the same time.

In discussion, Younghans asked about what percentage of the annual budget the county's contribution represented.

"In my mind the Chamber of Commerce is business based and as a municipality is that someplace we should be?" asked Younghans.

While numbers for 2018 were not available, Fodness did have numbers from 2017. "Revenues at \$92,000; expenses at \$91,000; here it is municipal grants is \$20,000 and memberships were at \$26,000," said Fodness.

A motion to approve \$5,000 each for the Mallaig and Elk Point chambers was also carried.

Delinquent water bills rolled over to property taxes

In her report to council, Kitz gave an update on delinquent utility accounts in the county.

"We had changed our utility bylaw

to allow us to transfer outstanding utilities to our tax roll. And so from July to December we did transfer \$9,700 worth of utilities to the tax roll," said Kitz.

According to Kitz, four landowners in Lottier Lake, three in Mallaig, and 13 in Ashmont saw their overdue water bills added to their property taxes. Letters were sent to all affected landowners notifying them. Since then, one landowner in Mallaig and two in Ashmont have paid their bills.

"I think it could be a bigger issue as we move forward," said Kitz, noting the unpaid amounts will be penalized 10 per cent beginning in February.

Coun. Laurent Amyotte asked how far behind these landowners were on their bills.

Executive assistant Phyllis Corbiere said they were only transferring bills more than 90 days past due.

"But monthly, they get a letter saying if you don't pay this amount it's going to be added to your tax bill," said Corbiere.

County to look at new website for \$20,000

MEREDITH KERR
Review Contributor

At the regular council meeting Jan. 8, St. Paul county council approved a motion to change the municipality's website host from Town Life to Octopus Creative for \$19,300 and an annual hosting fee of \$3,300.

Despite the initial cost of switching hosts, the move is expected to save the county money in the long term. The current host, Town Life charges an annual fee of \$7,200 as compared to the \$3,300 annual fee of Octopus Creative.

"About four years of savings from Town Life and the whole thing is paid for," said Reeve Steve Upham.

According to Hailey Gish, a municipal intern who was present at the meeting to answer questions from council about the website, the current set up makes it quite difficult for staff to edit the contents of the website and make changes, whereas the system proposed is more user friendly and capable of doing more things in the future.

"Specifically, working with the website host Town Life, they have poor customer service and a really poor back end as well. It's really quite cumbersome," said Gish.

Included in the discussion was the possibility of a full rebranding of the county for an additional \$5,000.

Council raised concerns over the number of vehicles needing new logos if they rebranded. CAO Sheila Kitz estimated that to redo the 260 branded vehicles in the county fleet would cost approximately \$80,000.

"Personally I think it's unnecessary, there's way more things we could be spending money on than that," said Coun. Dale Hedrick, noting it would also mean changing signage on highways. "I think the crest signifies everything the County of St. Paul has to offer. It's got the oil, it's got the farming, the lakes, the grain... That's my personal opinion, I think it's a waste of money."

"I think the website is a lot more important. That website is horrendous right now," said Coun. Darrell Younghans.

"You can empathize there is frustration with dealing with the website. I've tried to work with Town Life to make it more SEO (search engine optimization) friendly, which would make things like looking up phone numbers very easy," said Gish.

Hedrick asked if changing the website host would allow for the integration of the campsite booking system.

"You'll be able to pay for things online, and actually use it. That's what I mean by interactive is to do bookings for campsites or payments by credit card and that sort of thing," said Gish.

Asked if it increases the cost to the county to add those features when the host is changed, Gish said she did not expect so because those features would be built in from the beginning.

"There might be a little bit of cost associated with payment details, but that wouldn't be from the website host, that would be from our financial provider. We did experience some costs a couple of years ago when we went to Citizen Self Serve, we would just want to expand that so we can do more things on our website," said Kitz.

According to Gish, the proposal from Octopus Creative suggests it would take approximately six months to have the website redesigned and launched. It also includes setting up social media accounts for the county.

RCMP investigate wire theft

On January 1, Elk Point RCMP were dispatched to a theft of copper wire that occurred at the Windsor Salt Plant in Lindbergh. The occurred at approximately 9:00 a.m.. The suspect(s) used a toboggan to drag the copper wire from the site to a white Chevrolet truck with a tool box or tidy tank in the bank. There was also a large white sticker on the back window.

The investigation is ongoing and police are asking if you have information about this incident to please call the Elk Point RCMP at 780-724-3964 or call your local police. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.



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EDITORIAL

Be a joiner!

Elk Point has a brand new Recreation Director, Cristin Tchir, and now she needs a Recreation Board to work with. Chamber of commerce president Terri Hampson indicated at last week's chamber meeting that the Town has had no response to advertising seeking members for the new board, and that if none are found, Elk Point's biggest celebration of the year, the Canada Day celebration, could be discontinued.

Do we really want to see that happen, because no one in Elk Point wants to attend a meeting once a month to help get that event, and other events during the year, organized and carried out?

Come on, gang, get on (the) board!

YOUR VIEWS

Bird count tallied

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Review Contributor

One never knows from year to year how the number of birds counted during the Christmas Bird Count (CBC) will tally out.

After a prolonged winter season to start 2018, the last days of April found us basking in abnormally hot temperatures which continued throughout May into early June. That is the time of the year when most of the birds which will over-winter in our area are nesting. We also know that the number of seed-eating and song-bird eggs which will hatch can be affected as eggs literally cook in unsheltered open nests or in poorly ventilated and dark-colored birdhouses. A second factor which can influence the CBC numbers, is the readily available food sources, seeds from domestic crops and wild flora or the native and domestic fruits remaining on the trees. When food supplies in the late fall/early winter dwindle in one area, birds tend to bunch up where their needs are easily accommodated. Two examples of this occurring are the growth in the size of both the Bohemian Waxwings and Snow Buntings as we move farther into winter. The amount of snow cover can also greatly affect the over-wintering behaviour of our native birds.

In this 30th Annual Town and County of St. Paul CBC, 34 reports were filed, six from Town birders and 28 from County residents. The 39 species counted fall well within the norm of the past five years' counts and the individual number of 3562 is also within the range of that same period. When the numbers vary greatly it is usually based on the Bohemian Waxwing and Snow Buntings. (See count totals on Page 5)

The number of Snowy Owls reported in this count fits well with what is being reported in much of Alberta. The Snowy Owl comes south until it gets to a location where its food sources are adequate. While a choice morsel would be a rabbit/hare, common rodents and small pets are also appreciated.

We have no water fowl to report this year. Last year an assortment of 54 water fowl were reported, mainly from the open water where the treated sewage from the Town flows into Upper Therien Lake (AKA St. Paul Lake). This year with the lake level being so high, the water flows under the ice crust therefore there is no open water to attract or keep water fowl present.

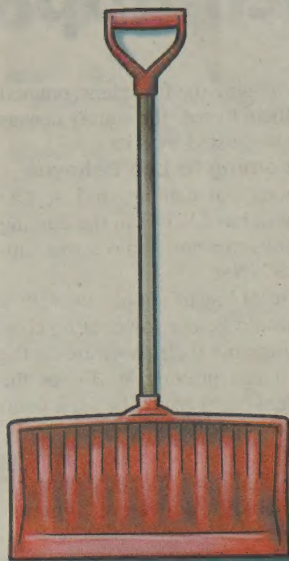
The winners drawn for the participant prizes this year are: Town birder Linda Huget and County birder Terry Stark.

Last year after the CBC was completed a Horned Lark was observed. We encourage people who make an unusual observation to either post it on FB or contact me at hawkowl4@telus.net.

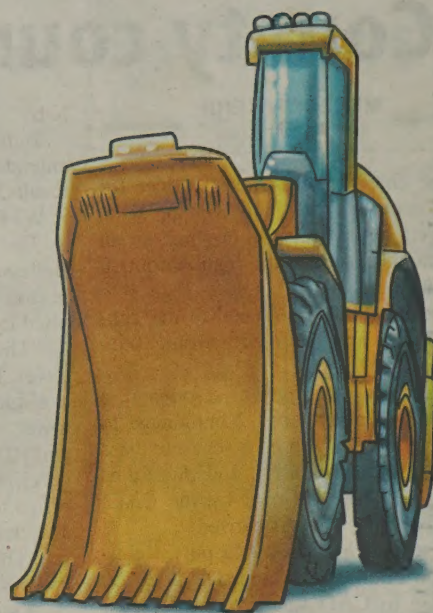
Watch for details this spring of the breeding season count which takes place in May/June as part of the Alberta Bird Studies initiative.



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SNOW SHOVEL



POLITICAL SHOVEL

WAY BACK WHEN...

Reform nominee, Year of the Family, building permit drop

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 14 IN...

1989

Deborah Grey won the Reform Party nomination the upcoming Beaver River by-election, following the death of John Dahmer shortly after his election.

The Town of Elk Point made a New Year's resolution to have the municipal operating budget completed during the first quarter of the year, rather than waiting for requisitions that previously delayed its completion until June.

1994

Council members, administrators and public works staff from the Town of Elk Point and County of St. Paul met in the deteriorating Community Services building to discuss areas of mutual concern, including fire protection, airport operation and the future of the building itself.

The Elk Point Interagency Committee and its St. Paul counterpart joined efforts to plan and promote the International Year of the Family.

1999

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce put their wholehearted support behind the community's efforts to retain services at Elk Point Health Centre, including lining up charter buses to take residents to a public meeting in Cold Lake regarding potential budget cuts to eliminate a massive deficit in the Lakeland Regional Health Authority.

County Mountie C. M. Bedard urged motorists to pay attention to traffic control devices, including stop signs, as failure to do so could result in demerits.

2004

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce started the new

year by sharing a Ukrainian Christmas feast at the Empress prior to their meeting, where members discussed ways to increase the number of members and to keep members informed.

The contributions of the many volunteers whose efforts went into making the 2003 Christmas Extravaganza an overwhelming success were celebrated with an appreciation night that included watching a video of the evening's events.

2009

Elk Point experienced a big drop in building permits in 2008, with 16 permits for construction valued at \$2,932,000, including eight new homes, issued, as compared to 30 permits, valued at \$7,247,000 and including 19 new homes, the previous year.

Elk Point Library was back in business and in full operation after the installation of the new Integrated Library System (ILS) which had new features, to help patrons keep track of what they had read, when materials were due and when their interlibrary loans arrived at the library.

2014

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce got right to work at plans for the coming year, with grants from both the County of St. Paul and the Town of Elk Point in hand but with concerns about operating costs of the Elk Point Visitor Information EcoCentre and the power for the staging area floodlights.

Elk Point was "slamming the door on bullying," if F. G. Miller High School's P.U.P group, the school's Anti-Bullying Committee and its Parent Council had anything to say about it, with a logo contest at the school, and the winning logo printed on pink t-shirts by a local business that has come on board to support the campaign.

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

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WHOOOO WAS OUT THERE? The 30th Annual Christmas Bird Count found a total of 3,562 birds representing 39 species. Paul Boisvert photo

Waxwings, buntings top 30th Annual Bird Count

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SPECIES	TOWN	COUNTY	COMBINED
1. BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE	37	96	133
2. BOREAL CHICKADEE E	3	9	12
3. WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH	13	17	30
4. RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH	4	14	18
5. COMMON REDPOLL	6	68	74
6. HOARY REDPOLL	0	28	28
7. ENGLISH HOUSE SPARROW	310	128	438
8. PURPLE FINCH	8	12	30
9. DARK-EYED JUNCO	3	18	21
10. PINE SISKIN	5	40	45
11. WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL	4	42	46
12. RED-WINGED CROSSBILL	3	9	12
13. DOWNY WOODPECKER	9	34	43
14. HAIRY WOODPECKER	5	31	36
15. PILEATED WOODPECKER	0	5	5
16. BOHEMIAN WAXWING	600	325	925
17. PINE GROSBEAK	0	120	120
18. EVENING GROSBEAK	0	93	93
19. EUROPEAN STARLING	25	14	39
20. SNOW BUNTING	0	925	925
21. BLUE JAY	16	46	62
22. NORTHERN SHRIKE	1	0	1
23. NORTHERN GOSHAWK	0	2	2
24. MERLIN	2	0	2
25. NORTHERN HARRIER	0	1	1
26. BALD EAGLE	0	2	2
27. RUFFED GROUSE	0	8	8
28. GRAY PARTRIDGE	0	12	12
29. ROCK DOVE	60	103	163
30. MOURNING DOVE	2	8	10
31. EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE	4	0	4
32. NORTHERN SAW-WHET	0	4	4
33. GREAT GRAY OWL	0	1	1
34. GREAT HORNED OWL	0	2	2
35. SNOWY OWL	0	11	11
36. NORTHERN HAWK OWL	0	1	1
37. BLACKED-BILL MAGPIE	17	84	101
38. RAVEN	22	78	100
39. NORTHERN FLICKER	0	2	2
TOTAL BIRDS COUNTED	1159	2393	3562
TOTAL SPECIES COUNTED	39	23	36

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL No.19



HIGHLIGHTS

January 8, 2019 Council Meeting

Property Tax Penalty – Just a reminder that on February 1, 2019, a 10% penalty will be applied to all outstanding property taxes.

4th Quarter Strategic Plan – Council approved the fourth quarter of the 2018 Strategic Plan which can be viewed on the County website under Government Resources.

Intermunicipal Development Plan Bylaws – Recent changes to the Municipal Government Act requires that all municipalities with common borders must complete and adopt an Intermunicipal Development Plan by April 1, 2020. The IDP will foster an intermunicipal approach to planning issues on the lands that connect adjacent municipalities and to establish an agreed upon development vision for the area. Council gave first reading to the Intermunicipal Development Plan Bylaws with Lac La Biche County, MD of Bonnyville, County of Vermillion River, County of Two Hills and Smoky Lake County with a few minor amendments. Administration will work with the municipalities on the proposed amendments before proceeding to Public Hearing. The draft bylaws can be viewed on the County website under Government Resources.

Penalties Bylaw – Council approved a penalties bylaw which includes penalties for offences in relation to the Cannabis Consumption bylaw.

Coyote Reduction Program – The Ag Service Board started receiving coyotes at the beginning of November and to date have received 375 coyotes and 1 wolf from 24 participants, which is slower compared to the past years of this program. The program will continue until the end of March or until the budget has been expended.

Street Lighting Retrofit Feasibility Study and Strategy – Council accepted the joint Street Lighting Retrofit study and strategy undertaken through the ACP grant program for the County of St. Paul, Towns of St. Paul and Elk Point and the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay. The study was done to provide a baseline framework for each municipality to implement steps in improving energy efficiency within their jurisdictions and regionally as a whole. Administration will be working on a Street Lighting policy based on the study. The study can be viewed on the County Website under Business and Opportunity.

Improvements to Communications – Website Hosting – Council accepted a study that assessed the County branding and website completed by Octopus Creative. From the recommendations the County will be moving to Octopus Creative as the new host for the website to support efforts to improve County communications and the public's online experience.

Regional Economic Development Readiness Assessment and Capacity Building Plan – Council accepted the completed Economic Development Readiness Assessment and Capacity Building Plan prepared for the County of St. Paul, Towns of Elk Point and St. Paul and Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay. The plan helps the communities assess their business and economic development capacity. The study compares the municipalities potential challenges and makes recommendations for next steps to economic success in the region. The Plan can be viewed on the County website under Business and Opportunity.

CAO Salary Increase – Following the annual CAO Evaluation, a requirement of the Municipal Government Act, Council approved an increase of \$3700 to the CAO's annual salary.

Funding

- \$300 – St. Paul Junior Curling Club
- \$5,000 – Elk Point and Mallaig Chambers of Commerce
- \$10,000 – St. Paul Chamber of Commerce

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Half a season left, most fun is yet to come

January the 15th. Here we are in the middle of January already! Hockey season seems like it has just begun, but it is half over already. Is the glass half empty or half full? I would say half full, because the most fun is yet to come, the league playoffs and the provincial playdowns to see who goes to the big show and the most important of all, the Atom Provincial Finals in the middle of March.

This past Saturday was one of the busier days we have had all winter, starting off with the Micro Novice team at 10 a.m. The Micro Novice had a great game against Mallaig on Saturday and our stands were full of fans. Lennox 'All Out' St. Arnault and Hudson 'Road Hammer' Krankowsky with two goals each. 'Tornado' Aarbo, Zander 'Zorro' Goertzen, 'Mount Everett' Hahn and Stetson 'Shack' Reynolds all with the assists. Jayden 'Spectacular' Sakowsky and 'General Lee' Barstad were doing an outstanding job of keeping the puck out when it was their turn between the pipes. 'Jumbo Jay' Large was heavy on the fore check forcing turnovers.

The Novice Avalanche team travelled to St. Paul to play in a tournament.

The Provincial Final hosts, the Atom Avalanche had a tough one up in Cold Lake on Saturday, losing 3 to 2. Madden 'Mad Dog' Flamand scoring both of the goals in Cold Lake, one all alone and one assisted by Braylee 'Little Willy' Lesyk. Cold Lake seems to be the team that is tough for us to beat in the Tier 3 league but playing them can only make us better in the long run as we prepare for Provincials. Back here at home on Sunday they had a much easier game with St. Paul, winning this one 10 to 2. 'Mad Dog' with a hat trick and an assist, 'Little Willy' with two goals and an assist, Kale 'the Hawk' Ockerman with two goals and two assists. Brendan 'Buzz Saw' Kadutski, Kaysen 'Dynamite' DeMoissac, and Evett 'Snoop Dog' Smereka with one goal each. Three assists for 'Hurricane Kayl' Warawa, two assists for 'Boe Dog' St. George and an assist for Raif 'Rug Rat' Evans-Anderson. These games are great for the kids that are not normally goal scorers giving them a chance



**doug
BASSETT**
Review Sports

to get on the score sheet, but not really that much fun for the team losing or the team heading to provincials knowing they will be facing much tougher competition when they get there. But everyone has been on both sides of these games and the league is trying to get it right by tiering.

Billed as the game of the week, everyone involved was looking forward to this game. One week ago the Pee wee Avalanche and Bonnyville Pontiacs game ended in a one-all tie. The two games before Christmas between these teams were very close matches too. Both of the goalies of these teams are two of the best in the league. The teams are very evenly matched as far as skaters go, too. On Saturday here at home the game was another barn burner, the Avalanche and Pontiacs tied at two-all after 40 minutes on lone goals by Vaughn 'the Vulture' Ockerman and 'Bo Diddley' Fontaine. Starting the third period the Avalanche took advantage of a power play, 'Top Gunner' Crawford scoring assisted by the 'Vulture' and Sam the 'Spiderman' Rogal. Gaining some momentum, Brayden 'Pinball' Pinette would score another half way through the third period, assisted by 'Top Gunner'. Late in the third period, 'Top Gunner' put the final nail in the coffin, adding his second goal of the game, this one assisted by the hard-nosed defense women Spencer 'Goldie Locks' Malchowski and the 'Vulture', the Avalanche winning 5 to 2. On Sunday they travelled over to Onion Lake, playing the top team in the Tier 3 league, losing this one 3 to 2. We, by the way, are second place in the league. Seth 'Motorman' Morton and Kaleb 'Formula One' Flamand scoring.

The Midget Avalanche lost a close 6 to 5 game here at home Saturday against Cold Lake. The Ice are at the bottom of the Tier 2 league. This just goes to prove that any team can beat another on any given day and you should never come to the rink assuming you are going to get an easy two points. At one point in this game, the Avalanche were down 5 to 2 but rallied back, scoring two short handed goals late in the game to come within a goal of tying the game. Too little, too late as the saying goes. Chase 'Rink Rat' Dorey

with two goals including one short handed, 'Danny Boy' Cardinal, Jaden 'Jet Stream' Van Maarion and team captain Nick 'Sparky' Anderson with the other three, 'Sparky's' was the other one scored short handed very late in the game. 'King Cole' Bendixen with three assists, 'Lightning Liam' Ludlage adding two assists. The unsung heroes on defense, Jace 'the Stafford Streak', Evan 'Batman' Ockerman and Charlie 'Chuckles' Rogal with one assist each. These are the guys who actually win the game for you and never get enough credit for the incredible job they do week in and week out. Often it never shows up on the score sheet the number of times they block shots in the defensive end, or pinch holding the blue line in the offensive zone.

On Sunday the Midgets won big time over Bonnyville 14 to 2. Four goals each for 'Sparky' and 'Jet Stream', 'King Cole' with a couple, Hayden 'Hot Wheels' Ludlage, 'Rink Rat', 'Batman' and Dallas the 'Cowboy' Bristow with one each. Slick set up man 'Lightning Liam' with eight assists, Tyler Jamieson and 'Chuckles' with one each. 'Danny Boy' Cardinal with an assist and a hat trick of penalties heading over to the penalty box to visit his mother Margaret three consecutive times. I wonder how that conversation went!

In out of town action, 'Mick Jager' Fontaine and the St. Paul Bantam team went undefeated in Calmar this weekend winning the Cobra Cup. 'Mick Jager' scored seven goals and assisted on 10 in four games. Defenseman Landon the 'Magnificent' Malchowski is also part of the team and scored his first goal of the year.

Camrose product Bode the 'Badger' Bassett played in Bonnyville on the weekend in their novice tournament, winning two out of four games and going to the B final. 'Badger' plays a lot like his father did, mucking it up in the corners, but always coming out with the puck, making his grandfather smile ear to ear watching it happen.

A big Happy Birthday going out today to Debbie Hahn, the hockey grandma to 'Mount Everett' Hahn.

And now for the K. A. Campbell quote of the week. "The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor." - Vince Lombardi

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provincial competitions. Thanks
to Tami Barstad for capturing
these stars of the future!!**Two wins in two
weeks for Elks****VICKI BROOKER**
Review StaffIf Kitscoty Monarchs thought they'd get the upper
hand on Elk Point Elks after last week's loss in their
own barn, they were sadly mistaken. This time, back in
Elk Point on their home ice, the Elks steamrolled the
visitors 8 to 1.Three of those Elks goals came in the first period,
Christian Nypower assisted by Scott Ward, Kam Ballas
assisted by Justin Nattress and Ryley Wozniak, and
Scott Ward, assisted by Matthew Boulianne.Five more Elks goals hit the scoreboard in the
second, Ballas assisted by Ward, Boulianne assisted by
Ballas, Nattress assisted by Jason Kalynchuk, Myles
Whitford assisted by Wozniak and Nicolas Trufal
assisted by Whitford, for an 8-0 lead.The Monarchs didn't give up easily and did manage to
get one goal early in the penalty-filled third. Both teams
received 10-minute misconducts for unsportsmanlike
conduct and the Elks ended up with one game miscon-
duct in that period, the teams also racking up over two
dozen other penalties in the course of the game.This coming weekend, the Elks hit the road for two
games, taking on the Vermilion Rock Friday night and
the Two Hills Longhorns on Saturday. Their final home
game of the regular season is on Saturday, Jan. 26
against Paradise Valley Jets.**LONGTIME MEMBER** - At the last regular meet-
ing of the Al Shamal Shrine, Allan Berg received
his 25-year certificate and pin from Rick Shumilak,
Potentate. Allan Berg became a noble of the
Shrine at Jasper, Alberta in 1993.

Photo submitted

Headlines of 2018

(Continued from Page 2)

Town council took the next step toward restoring the capability of Elk Point's airport to serve aircraft around the clock, as they awarded the contract for lighting upgrades to Tipp Off Inc., the lowest compliant bidder at \$160,600 plus GST.

A reported total of 110 descendants of one of the 15 families to settle in the Ferguson Flats area in 1911 gathered just down the road from the Ockerman family homestead to pay tribute to their family's roots, wrapping up the tribute with the lighting of a candle for those now missing from the family circle, but "whose spirits are still with us."

The County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS provided summer fun for local communities throughout the summer, including a Science Afternoon at Ferguson Flats where summer students Jamie Kuzma and Brad Dubrule showed the youngsters how to find the DNA of a strawberry and how to make a rainbow volcano.

Elk Point Municipal Library's Summer Reading Program also offered adventures for area youngsters, including nature hikes at Ross Lake where they found and identified interesting insects and tried their hand at watercolor painting with found materials, such as bark and grasses instead of brushes.

A convoy of truckers, close to 100 strong, pulled out of Elk Point and headed east to Lloydminster to deliver a message of solidarity to Canadian Natural Resources Limited, calling for increased compensation for fluid hauling in the oilfield.

Elk Point's Golden Loaf Bakery was sitting second out of 52 in Alberta, with only Drayton Valley Bakery and Café, in a community with a population of 7,235 ahead of it, and 14th nation wide in the running for Sweetest Bakery in Canada, with only one day to go in the voting in person and online.

August

A wagon train headed west out of Heinsburg on the Iron Horse Trail on a three-day, 100-km journey to Mallaig for the Haying in the 30s weekend, stopping overnight in Elk Point and St. Paul along the way.

Lakeland Industry and Community Association (LICA) paid their annual visit to the Elk Point Municipal Library's Summer Reading Program, this year raising awareness of the airshed, rather than the watershed as they have in previous years.

Lillian Balazs of Cold Lake won the Elk Point Ag Society Horticultural, Craft and Quilt Show Grand Aggregate for the seventh time since 2001, her name filling the final space on the challenge plaque at what may be the final fair of a decades-long series.

Downpours didn't dampen the enthusiasm of thousands of people attending the August long weekend Haying in the '30s celebration of the past, where more than \$210,000 was raised to help support victims of cancer.

Elk Point Oilmen's Association celebrated 35 years of golf tournaments, with Curtis Porcina and Robyn Moroziuk as this year's Championship Flight winners and Doug Callbeck named the Oilman of the Year.

Only four local non-profit groups received approval of grants totaling \$9,500 under the Community Enhancement, Arts and Culture Endowment Grant Program, funded through MSI, with only the Elk Point Golf and Country Club receiving the \$6,500 they requested, and the balance set aside for town projects.

Frog Lake First Nations celebrated the opening of their Emergency Response Facility, built to serve as a headquarters for Frog Lake's fire department and hopefully later for EMS services, the biggest goal of director of emergency services Myles Quinney.

TD Financial closed its Elk Point branch after 71 years in the downtown core, with many customers dropping in to say goodbye to the staff and reminisce over the display of photos from years gone by.

September

Fort George and Buckingham House Provincial Historic Site reported attendance close to that of the previous year, with Ross Stromberg handing over his role to Suzanna Wagner after 17 years as program coordinator at the site.

Tie down roping and team roping finalist Austin Young was the third generation of his family to compete in the Lakeland Rodeo Association Showdown Finals, now in their 40th year, following in the footsteps of his mother, barrel racer Wendy (Lorenson) Young and late grandfather, roper Larry Lorenson, both original LRA members.

Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department helped to turn what started out as a simple noon hour barbecue fundraiser for the Red Cross into a major event at Cornerstone Co-op's liquor store that raised over \$2,000 to support the Red Cross and firefighters battling wildfires in British Columbia.

The County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS Information Night brought more than 280 area residents to the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre to learn about everything from upcoming theatre presentations to preschool learning, pole walking and 4-H activities.

Fires, smoke and firearms were all on town council's 300-page agenda, but centre stage went to the Elk Point Elks Lodge, as they presented \$5,000 toward the Elk Point Airport's lighting upgrade project.

Elk Point chamber of commerce got a running start on fall and winter activities, agreeing to take over the annual Scarecrow Contest from the town's recreation department and setting Nov. 23 as the date for the 2018 Christmas Extravaganza.

Space aliens were encouraged to attend the Northern Lights Library System conference, with the theme, 'Space - Unlimited Possibilities' and a secondary theme of safety for staff and patrons, featuring guest speaker Debra deWaal, a former Calgary Police officer.

It had been a busy summer for both the RCMP and the Community Advisory Policing Committee, with Sgt. Terry Hyggen reporting "a number of very serious crimes in the Frog Lake and Fishing Lake areas" and "significant inroads" made on rounding up the perpetrators.

October

Town Council laid down the bylaws as the date for cannabis legalization approached, dealing with land use for production, distribution and consumption of cannabis, as well as passing the town's first ever Firearms Bylaw, which replaced a 1953 bylaw that also prohibited loitering, use of offensive language and causing a disturbance.

A whole lot of running was going on, with Elk Point Elementary School students running for Terry Fox and high school students from across the area competing in the St. Paul Athletics Association's cross-country competition.

Elk Point Fire Department was surprised by a presentation from Elk Point Canada Post workers, who presented a plaque-sized version of the recently released Firefighters stamp, along with their thanks for the department's ongoing dedication to the community.

Elk Point seniors received updates on programs and services available from both the provincial and federal governments by Barb Lameman of Service Canada and Mary Jane Tkachuk of Alberta Seniors and Housing.

Elk Point and District Lions Club added their \$5,000 donation to the Airport Development Fund at a town council meeting that also saw a crackdown on unpaid pet fines, to the extent that owners of rental property whose tenants leave without paying the fines

will become responsible for fine repayment. Council also welcomed new Bylaw Officer Krysten Burton as she was sworn in to the position.

Enrolment was down by 81 students across St. Paul Education Regional Division, which superintendent Glen Brodziak said was "significant" to the division's budget.

Both spooky and smiling scarecrows competed in the chamber and town's contest, with Signatures Collision and Frame winning their second Scarecrow Contest in a row with a damsel in distress as this year's victim of an evil plot.

A huge addition to the C. G. Baker Arena was under construction, with the new space to be used for tying up extra horses during riding events.

The Halloween Family Dance hosted by Elk Point Early Childhood Development Committee and the County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS drew a huge and enthusiastic crowd, with fun, games, costume contest and lively DJ music and videos.

The town's cannabis and firearms bylaws passed unopposed, with only two ratepayers in attendance to get further clarification on the bylaws' content.

November

Superheroes from the Early Childhood Development Committee were also part of the Elk Point Municipal Library's Free Comic Book Day, which offered free photos, an escape room and spooky after-school snacks to the pre-Halloween crowd.

Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch hosted the Alberta Provincial Zone 4 RCW meeting, with members of the Derwent, Two Hills and District and Andrew -Willingdon RCW groups in attendance.

Elementary and high school students held Remembrance Day observances and the community joined in the November 11 wreath laying and program as Elk Point paid respect to Canada's armed forces 100 years after the World War I Armistice.

Chamber of commerce members had ample opportunity to give input on the Western Growth Strategy at their November meeting in a discussion led by Penny Fox of Community Futures St. Paul - Smoky Lake.

Numbers were up for all of the FCSS programs, director Janice Fodchuk told town council when she made her semi-annual visit and provided statistics on the various events.

The County of St. Paul introduced a bylaw prohibiting consumption of cannabis in public places and passed its first reading.

Christmas Extravaganza brightened up a frosty Friday, with new events including a bale maze, cow bingo, beanbag toss and turkey bingo for the whole family.

Elk Point and Regional Allied Arts Society's Christmas dinner theatre production of 'Drinking Habits' was a sellout success, with inquiries already coming in on tickets for the 2019 event.

December

Four existing bylaws and two existing policies were updated and one new bylaw approved by town council, establishing the Community Bylaw Officer Code of Conduct.

The importance of communication for rural crime watch groups was emphasized in a report brought to the Greater Lakeland RCW by Zone 4's new director Jonny Nielsen from the Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch meeting.

A record total of nine churches were represented in the annual Interfaith Cantata.

Entries were way up for the Oilmen's Big Bucks competition, with Karisa Whitlock, Wyatt Jacula, Cam Hryhchuk and Cody Eyben showing the winning racks.

An orchestra of "Rusty Musicians" opened up the show for the Elk Point Community Choir's annual Christmas Concert.

F. G. Miller vice principal Darcy Youngmans won the prestigious Alberta Schools Athletic Association's Lorne Woods Award which goes to a school administrator who actively models, promotes and supports sportsmanship through involvement in the school's athletic program.

The school year wound up with a pair of great Christmas concerts at Elk Point Elementary, as teachers across the St. Paul Education Regional Division authorized a strike vote.

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